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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 1127

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CRACKDOWN ON STUDENTS

REF: JAKARTA 1007

1. SUMMARY: A MAJOR CONFRONTATION WITH SECURITY AUTHORITIES  
OVER PUNISHMENT FOR DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS MAY BRING ABOUT  
RESIGNATION OF RECTORS OF MAJOR INDONESIAN UNIVERSITIES.  
WE HAVE PERSISTENT BUT AS YET UNCONFIRMED RUMORS THAT  
DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES SURONO HAS COME UNDER  
GOVERNMENT SUSPICION. CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST BUYUNG NASUTION AND  
OTHERS HAVE ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE RECENT  
GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWN. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGEABLE AND RELIABLE EMBASSY  
SOURCE, STATE INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION AGENCY CHIEF LT. GEN. YOGA  
DEMANDED DURING JANUARY 23 MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY RECTORS  
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(REFTEL) THAT STUDENTS DETAINED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES BE  
EXPELLED FROM UNIVERSITIES. STRONG OBJECTIONS WERE VOICED  
BY SEVERAL RECTORS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF BANDUNG INSTI-  
TUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND BOGOR AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE. EDU-  
CATION MINISTER SJARIF THAYIB THEN STATED THAT RECTORS  
UNWILLING TO CARRY OUT THE GOVERNMENT POLICY SHOULD RESIGN.  
(THAYIB MADE A SIMILAR STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AFTER THE

MEETING.) OUR SOURCE REPORTS THAT RECTORS OF UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA, ITB AND IPB SUBSEQUENTLY SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS. HE BELIEVES RECTORS OF OTHER MAJOR UNIVERSITIES WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

3. WE HAVE HEARD FROM SEPARATE SOURCE THAT UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA RECTOR HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AND THAT IT HAS BEEN REFUSED. THERE ARE MANY UNCONFIRMED RUMORS IN JAKARTA THAT HE IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

4. THERE ARE ALSO PERSISTENT WIDESPREAD RUMORS THAT DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES SURONO HAS COME UNDER SUSPICION AND HAS EVEN BEEN ARRESTED. NONE OF THE EMBASSY SOURCES REPORTING THIS STORY HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH MILITARY HIERARCHY, HOWEVER, AND WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME GIVE IT CREDENCE.

5. ATTORNEY AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST BUYUNG NASUTION, IN COMPANY WITH CONTROVERSIAL PLAYWRIGHT RENDRA AND OTHER "INTELLECTUALS AND ARTISTS", ISSUED A STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON (JAN 25) CONDEMNING THE "UNCONSTITUTIONAL" ARREST OF STUDENTS AND CLOSURE OF NEWSPAPERS. THE STATEMENT DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES AND REOPENING OF THE BANNED DAILIES. BUYUNG AND COMPANY REPORTEDLY DELIVERED A COPY OF THE STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENTARY CHAIRMAN ADAM MALIK BUT WERE UNABLE  
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TO RESENT A COPY TO KOPKAMTIB CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SUDOMO, AS THEY PLANNED, BECAUSE HE WAS MEETING WITH OTHER SENIOR MILITARY LEADERS MUCH OF THE DAY. COMMENT: THIS STATEMENT REPRESENTS THE FIRST OPEN CHALLENGE TO THE RECENT CRACKDOWN AND, IN THE CURRENT MOOD, MAY WELL EVOKE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE.  
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